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	4,166,466	9/4/79	JARVIK			
	4,350,160	9/21/82	KOLESOV ET AL.			
	4,368,736	1/18/83	KASTER			
	4,872,874	10/10/89	TAHERI			
	4,930,674	6/5/90	BARAK			
	4,979,954	12/25/90	GWATHMEY ET AL.			
	5,025,779	6/25/91	BUGGE			
	5,188,638	2/23/93	TZAKIS			
	5,222,963	6/29/93	BRINKERHOFF ET AL.			
	5,234,447	8/10/93	KASTER ET AL.			
	5,282,810	2/1/94	ALLEN ET AL.			
	5,314,436	5/24/94	WILK			
	5,346,501	9/13/94	REGULA ET AL.			
	5,354,304	10/11/94	ALLEN ET AL.			
	5,366,462	11/22/94	KASTER ET AL.			
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	5,425,738	6/20/95	GUSTAFSON ET AL.			
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	5,437,684	8/1/95	CALABRESE ET AL.			
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	5,707,380	1/13/98	HINCHLIFFE ET AL.			
	5,709,335	1/20/98	HECK			
	5,732,872	3/31/98	BOLDUC ET AL.			
	5,797,934	8/25/98	RYGAARD			
	5,817,113	10/6/98	GIFFORD, III ET AL.			
	5,823,956	10/20/98	ROTH ET AL.			
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	5,944,730	8/31/99	NOBLES ET AL.			
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	5,951,576	9/14/99	WAKABAYASHI			
	5,957,363	9/28/99	HECK			
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	6,024,748	2/15/00	MANZO ET AL.			
	6,030,395	2/29/00	NASH ET AL.			
	6,036,705	3/14/00	NASH ET AL.			
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	6,080,173	6/27/00	WILLIAMSON IV ET AL.			
	6,083,234	2/23/99	NICHOLAS ET AL.			
	6,110,187	8/29/00	DONLON			
	6,171,319	1/9/01	NOBLES ET AL.			
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	6,176,413	1/23/01	HECK ET AL.			
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	6,253,984	7/3/01	HECK ET AL.			
	6,254,615	7/3/01	BOLDUC ET AL.			
	6,254,617	7/3/01	SPENCE ET AL.			
	6,280,460	8/28/01	BOLDUC ET AL.			
	6,332,468	12/25/01	BENETTI			
	6,338,712	1/15/02	SPENCE ET AL.			
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	6,401,721	6/11/02	MAGINOT			
	6,440,146	8/27/02	NICHOLAS ET AL.			
	6,443,965	9/3/02	GIFFORD III, ET AL.			
	6,450,390	9/17/02	HECK ET AL.			
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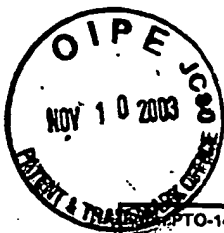
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